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Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application after this amendment adds new claim 12. Claims 1-11 and the title are amended and claims 12 and 13 added herein. No new matter is added by the amendments and new claim, which find support throughout the specification and figures. In view of the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner acknowledges that claim 4 is allowable. Claim 4 is amended herein into independent form, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is in condition for allowance. Further, claims 2, 3 have been amended to depend from the allowable claim 4 and are therefore allowable therewith.

The office action objects to the title of the invention as not descriptive and requires a new title be provided that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. It is submitted that the new title, is presented herein therefore it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants amend these claims to clarify the structure recited therein, and it is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims as amended enable one skilled in the art to practice the invention. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Allegedly Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of United States Patent No. 5,867,474 to Nagasawa et al. (hereinafter referred to as Nagasawa).

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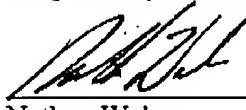
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that none of the references disclose or suggest these features, and therefore for at least these reasons independent claims 4, 5, 6, and 9 are allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, and 10-13 depend from one of these allowable base claims and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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